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In re Application of

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Serial No. TO BE ASSIGNED

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For: USE OF ENDOTHELIN INHIBITORS FOR TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF
FIBROTIC DISORDERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this divisional application, please enter the following
amendment.

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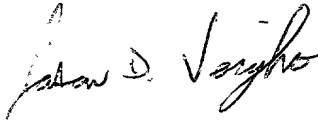
REMARKS

Claims 4-12 are pending.

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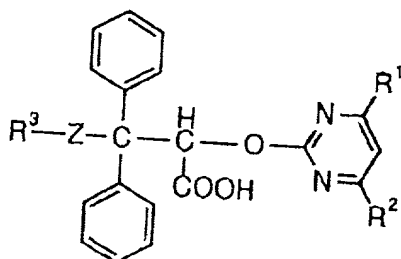
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please cancel claims 1-3.

Please add the following claims.

7. (new) A method for treating or preventing a fibrotic disorder, said method comprising administering an effective amount of an endothelin inhibitor to a mammal.
8. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the disorder is a fibrotic disorder of the liver.
9. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the disorder is fibrosis or cirrhosis.
10. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the endothelin inhibitor is an endothelin receptor antagonist.
11. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the endothelin inhibitor is a specific ETA receptor antagonist.
12. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the endothelin inhibitor is a compound of formula I



where

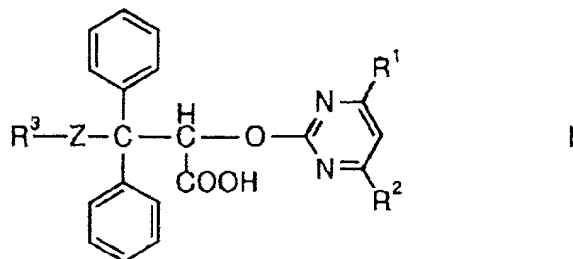
R¹ and R² independently are C₁-C₂-alkyl or C₁-C₂-alkoxy,

R³ is C₁-C₂-alkyl which may carry a phenyl which may carry up to 2 identical or different C₁-C₂-alkoxy radicals, and

Z is oxygen or a single bond.

COPY OF ALL CLAIMS

4. Pharmaceutical composition for prophylaxis or treatment of fibrotic disorders comprising as effective compound an endothelin inhibitor.
5. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 4 where the endothelin inhibitor is an endothelin receptor antagonist.
6. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 4 where the endothelin inhibitor is a specific ETA receptor antagonist.
7. (new) A method for treating or preventing a fibrotic disorder, said method comprising administering an effective amount of an endothelin inhibitor to a mammal.
8. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the disorder is a fibrotic disorder of the liver.
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where

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R^3 is C_1 - C_2 -alkyl which may carry a phenyl which may carry up to 2 identical or different

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